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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY PAPERS FEATURED  
IMPEACHMENT DEVELOPMENTS; THURSDAY WASHPOST FRONTPAGES  
SENATE LEADERS UNITE TO SHOW SOLID FOREIGN POLICY FRONT,  
MANSFIELD SCOTT BACK KISSINGER STATEMENT; THURSDAY NYTIMES  
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FRONTPAGES HOUSE VOTES MISSILE SITE PLANNED FOR SIX

MONTHS' USE. SOME COMMENT BERLIN CRISIS.

1A. TUESDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORTED PRESIDENT SIGNED ARMS PROCUREMENT BILL; ALSO SOVIET IS ASKED TO ACT ON BERLIN TRAFFIC; WASHPOST REPORTED SUIT TO HALT NEW SUBMARINE. WEDNESDAY PAPERS REPORTED CUT IN SAIGON AID AND REJECTION OF CHEMICAL WEAPON; ALSO NEWCREW EXPECTED IN SOVIET SPACE LAB; NYTIMES INSIDE HAS FOUR-MAN DISCUSSION OF HOW TO DEAL WITH MOSCOW. THURSDAY PAPERS REPORT DETECTORS WILL BE SENT TO RUSSIA; NYTIMES SAYS US FEELS BERLIN DISPUTE IS OVER.

2. DEFENSE ITEMS. TUESDAY WASHPOST LOCAL REPORTED AN ALLIANCE OF CITIZENS ORGANIZATIONS, HEADED BY WALTER HELLER WHO WAS KENNEDY'S CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, FILED SUIT IN US DISTRICT COURT HERE TO STOP FURTHER CONSTRUCTION OF NAVY'S TRIDENT SUBMARINE ON GROUNDS THE STRUCTION OF NAVY;S TRIDENT SUBMARINE ON GROUNDS THE PROGRAM HAS VIOLATED ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS. STORY ADDS HELLER OWNS SUMMER HOME NEAR BANGOR WASHINGTON WHERE NAVY PLANS TO BUILD THE TRIDENT.

2A. THURSDAY NYTIMES GELB WASHINGTON REPORTS HOUSE VOTED 135 MILLION FOR COMPLETION OF A MISSILE DEFENSE SITE THAT THE PENTAGON PLANS TO PLACE IN MOTHBALLS SIX MONTHS AFTER IT BECOMES OPERATIVE, ACCORDING TO A NUMBER OF CONGRESSMEN AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH THE IMPENDING MOTHBALLING COULD NOT BE STATED IN THE FLOOR DEBATE BECAUSE THE PENTAGON HAS KEPT THE INFORMATION CLASSIFIED. SUPPORTERS ARGUED THAT SOME RESEARCH LESSONMIGHT BE LEARNED AND THAT FIVE BILLIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN SPENT ON THE PROJECT, OPPONENTS WANTED TO SIMPLY CLOSE OUT GRAND FORKS SITE.

3. CHEMICAL. WEDNESDAY WASHINGTON AP STORIES REPORTED HOUSE APPROVED AND SENT TO SENATE THE 83.4 BILLION DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR 1975 AFTER REJECTING AN EFFORT TO CUT IT BY 2.5 BILLION ACROSS THE BOARD, BY VOTE OF 216 TO 178; BUT HOUSE DID REJECT A NEW BINARY CHEMICAL WEAPONS PROGRAM ON ARGUMENTS THAT THE EXPENSE WAS UNNECESSARY AND IT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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WARFARE CONTROL. THE AMENDMENT TO KNOCK OUT THE 5.8 MILLIONS TO START SETTING UP PRODUCTION LINES FOR THE PROPOSED NEW BINARY CHEMICAL WEAPON WAS INTRODUCED BY REP. HICKS OF WASHINGTON WHO SAID THE NEW WEAPONS WOULD COST UP TO 2 BILLIONS AND ARE NOT NEEDED BECAUSE THE PRESENT STOCKPILE IS ADEQUATE FOR ANY FORESEEABLE NEEDS. ZABLOCKI ADDED THAT THE NEW CHEMICAL WEAPONS COULD ALSO PROVE HIGHLY DESTABILIZING TO GENEVA EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE IN-

TERNATIONAL CONTROLS. ITEM WAS DEFEATED 214 TO 186.

3A. MONDAY CHRISTIAN SCI MONITOR EDITORIAL EXPECTED FULL HOUSE TO STRIKE THE AMOUNT FOR BINARY NERVE GAS ALTOGETHER, DESPITE COMMITTEE'S QUALIFIER THAT PRODUCTION BE HALTED IF CCD REACHES AGREEMENT ON CHEMICAL WARFARE. MONITOR AGREES WITH ACDA THAT PRODUCTION RUNS COUNTER TO SPIRIT OF NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF RECENT SUMMIT AGREEMENT WHICH SUGGESTS THAT ISSUE OF VERIFICATION MAY NO LONGER BE A STICKING POINT.

4. RUSSIA. THURSDAY AP STORIES REPORT US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS APPROVED SHIPMENT TO SOVIET UNION OF AMERICAN-MADE MAGNETIC METAL DETECTORS DESIGNED TO COMBAT AIRCRAFT HIJACKING, GRANTING FIRST SPECIAL EXPORT LICENSE ISSUED SINCE IT CLAMPED STRICTER CONTROLS ON EXPORT OF

POLICE EQUIPMENT.

4A. NYTIMES FOUR-MAN DISCUSSION. ON STRATEGIC ARMS, FULBRIGHT SAID HE COULDN'T SEE THAT THE US HAD BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING, THAT WE HAVE A BIG EDGE IN WARHEADS, ETC. AND RUSSIANS ARE UNLIKELY TO AGREE TO PERMANENT INFERRIORITY; BUT PUBLIC BELIEVES WE ARE BEHIND THE RUSSIANS. JACKSON ADVOCATED REDUCTION OF ARMS TO A LOWER LEVEL OF EQUALITY, AND MACGEORGE BUNDY AGREED BUT SAID IT'S A LONG WAY OFF. CLIFTON DANIEL SUGGESTED THAT THE MILITARY IN BOTH COUNTRIES SEEMED TO FEEL THEY MUST APPROACH DETENTE FROM A STRONG MILITARY POSITION BUT JACKSON DISAGREED, HOLDING THAT OUR DOD SUPPORTS MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMS AS A NEGOTIATING POSITION. BUNDY STRESSED THAT COMPLEXITY OF SALT TWO GENUINELY REQUIRES PATIENCE AND CITED GERARD SMITH AS HOLDING SALT TWO WOULD TAKE AT LEAST AS LONG UNCLASSIFIED

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AS SALT ONE. BUNDY WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF US FOR MIXING TARGETING DOCTRINE WITH SALT NEGOTIATIONS, THUS MAKING IT SEEM IN MOSCOW THAT WE ARE BUILDING A COUNTERFORCE SYSTEM. BREZINSKI SUGGESTED THAT PUBLICATION OF SOME EARLIER AMERICAN AND SOVIET PLANNING PAPERS FOR DEFENSE SHOULD BE HELPFUL, INDICATING WHETHER MOSCOW IS REALLY AIMING AT PARITY OR NUCLEAR SUPERIORITY, AND ADDED THAT REPLACEMENT OF SECRECY BY PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE WOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO GREATER SOVIET UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS. BUNDY AND FULBRIGHT AGREED; BUT SENATOR SAW LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH PUBLICATION. BUNDY SAID HE WAS GLAD THE FORTHCOMING DEBATE WOULD BE LED BY SECSTATE SINCE THE TEMPER OF THE ARGUMENT IS SET BY WHAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH SAYS.

5. BERLIN. JULY 31 NYNEWS EDITORIAL APPROVED US HALT TO NEGOTIATIONS OVER RECOGNITION OF EAST GERMANY AFTER E.G. VIOLATED 1972 PACT BY RENEWING HARASSMENT OF TRAFFIC BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND WEST BERLIN, AND SAID US SHOULD REEXAMINE THE BUSINESS OF ESTABLISHING FORMAL RELATIONS WITH A GOVERNMENT THAT WELSHES ON PREVIOUS OBLIGATIONS WHENEVER IT WANTS. CHRISSCIMON JULY 31; FRIDAY NYTIMES AND TUES WASHPOSE EDITORIALS ALL FOLLOW SAME LINE SAYING US IS FULLY JUSTIFIED IN DELAYING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR AS LEVERAGE AGAINST ANY ACT WHICH MIGHT ERODE THE FREEDOM OF WEST BERLIN, AND ADD WARNINGS THAT BECAUSE EAST GERMAN ACTIONS MUST HAVE BACKING OF SOVIETS, BASIC QUESTIONS ARE RAISED ABOUT SOVIET FAITH AND THE DEPTH OF ITS INTEREST IN

DETENTE.

5A. THURSDAY NYTIMES WASHINGTON SPECIAL REPORTS HIGH US OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THEY BELIEVED THE CONTROVERSY WITH SOVIET UNION OVER EAST GERMAN INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC ON THE ACCESS ROUTES TO BERLIN WAS ENDED, A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAYING THAT HARASSMENT APPARENTLY CEASED LAST THURSDAY. SPECIAL ADDS THAT ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID THEY THOUGHT THE RECENT JOINT PROTEST TO MOSCOW WOULD END THE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE THREE WESTERN ALLIES AND MOSCOW CONCERNING WEST GERMANY'S PLAN TO ESTABLISH UNCLASSIFIED

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A FEDERAL AGENCY IN WEST BERLIN. SPECIAL ADDS THAT ADMINISTRATION WAS ALSO CONCERNED LEST JACKSON'S FORCES POINT TO THE HARASSMENT INCIDENTS AS EVIDENCE THE SOVIET UNION DID NOT HOLD TO ITS AGREEMENTS. KISSINGER

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